This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Amended) An isolated ~~DNA sequence~~ nucleic acid including the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No 1.

2. (Original) A yeast expression system containing in operative junction the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No 1 ~~or a part thereof~~, nucleotides 1-1134 of SEQ ID NO: 1 or a part of nucleotides 1-1134 of SEQ ID NO: 1 which is active as a promoter, an insertion cloning site and the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No 2 or a part thereof which is active as a terminator.

3. (Amended) A yeast expression and secretion system including in operative junction ~~a sequence in accordance with~~ the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No 1 ~~or a part thereof~~, nucleotides 1-1134 of SEQ ID NO: 1 or a part of nucleotides 1-1134 of SEQ ID NO: 1 which is active as a promoter, the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No 3, an insertion cloning site and the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No 2 or a part thereof which is active as a terminator.

4. (Original) Plasmid pEPG1-1 containing a yeast expression cassette according to claim 2 deposited under the deposit number DSM 12919.

5. (Original) Plasmid pEPG1-2 containing a yeast expression cassette according to claim 2 deposited under the deposit number DSM 12922.

6. (Amended) Plasmid pUC19PG deposited under the deposit number DSM 12920.

7. (Original) Plasmid pEPG sec containing a yeast expression cassette according to claim 3 deposited under the deposit number DSM 12921.

8. (Amended) An expression vector containing in operative junction a promoter with the sequence of SEQ ID No 1 ~~or a part thereof~~, the sequence of nucleotides 1-1134 of SEQ ID NO; 1 or a part of the sequence of nucleotides 1-1134 of SEQ ID NO: 1 which is active as a promoter, a polynucleotide which encodes a ~~foreign~~ heterologous protein, and ~~a terminator sequence~~ the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No 2 or a part thereof which is active as a terminator.

9. (Original) An expression vector according to claim 8 which in addition also includes a signal sequence between promoter and polynucleotide.

10. (Amended) An expression vector according to claim 9 ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the signal sequence is a sequence in accordance with SEQ ID No 3.

11. (Amended) An expression vector according to one of claims 8 to 10 ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the polynucleotide encodes an antigen protein or peptide.

12. (Amended) An expression vector according to claim 11 ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the polynucleotide codes a hepatitis B surface antigen, VP1 from polyoma virus or protein A from Staphylococcus.

13. (Amended) An expression vector according to one of claims 8 to 12 ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the vector is an integrative or episomal vector.

14. (Amended) An expression vector according to one of claims 8 to 12 ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the vector is a plasmid replicatable in yeast.

15. (Original) A host cell that has been transformed with an expression vector or a plasmid according to one of the preceding claims.

16. (Amended) A host cell according to claim 14 ~~characterised~~ characterized in that it is a cell of the type Kluyveromyces marxianus.

17. (Allowed) E.coli pEPG1-1 deposited under the deposit number DSM 12919.

18. (Allowed) E.coli pUC19PG deposited under the deposit number DSM 12920.

19. (Amended) E.coli pEPG ~~seq~~ sec deposited under the deposit number DSM 12921.

20. (Allowed) E.coli pEPG1-2 deposited under the deposit number DSM 12922.

21. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a recombinant protein, characterized in that a yeast cell is transfected or transformed with a plasmid which includes the expression cassette according to one of claims 2 and 3 and a polynucleotide which encodes a ~~foreign~~ heterologous protein, the yeast cell is cultured under conditions which are suitable for the expression of the foreign protein, and the protein is produced.

22. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a recombinant protein ~~characterised~~ characterized in that an expression cassette according to claim 2 or claim 3 is put into a yeast cell where the expression cassette is incorporated into a chromosome, the cell is cultured and then the protein is obtained.

23. (Canceled) Use of a DNA sequence according to SEQ ID No 1 as a promoter for the expression of foreign proteins in yeast cells.